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SUBJ: EC COMMISSION PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO BERLIN

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1. DURING MARCH 10 MEETING WITH MISSION OFFICER, UK
PERMREP OFFICIAL DRACE-FRANCIS RAISED FORTHCOMING VISIT
TO BERLIN BY EC COMMISSION PRESIDENT JENKINS, EMPHASIZING
HMG CONCERN THAT VISIT CONFORM TO ALL QUADRIpartite
REQUIREMENTS AND THAT JENKINS AVOID SUBJECT OF EUROPEAN
PARLIAMENT DIRECT ELECTIONS IN HIS PUBLIC REMARKS.
DRACE-FRANCIS SAID HE HAD (UNDER INSTRUCTIONS) RECENTLY
CONVEYED THESE CONCERNS TO JENKINS' CHEF DE CABINET
TICKELL AND TO GERMAN PERMREP. HE SAID HE HAD BEEN
ASSURED THAT ALL FORMALITIES (INCLUDING INVITATION FROM
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SENAT) HAD BEEN OBSERVED AND THAT VISIT SIMPLY FOLLOWS
PRECEDENT OF TRIPS TO BERLIN BY ALL FORMER INCUMBENT
COMMISSION PRESIDENTS. DRACE-FRANCIS ADDED THAT HMG
HAS DECIDED THAT IT WILL TAKE NO FURTHER INITIATIVES
WITH COMMISSION AND GERMANS ON THIS MATTER AND THAT IT
WILL SEEK TO CONFINE FURTHER DISCUSSION TO THE BONN GROUP.
2. DRACE-FRANCIS WONDERED ALOUD WHETHER JENKINS MIGHT

NOT PAY GREATER HEED TO A USG (RATHER THAN UK OR FRENCH)
REPRESENTATION ON BERLIN VISIT. MISSION OFFICER
RESPONDED THAT, BASED UPON PAST EXPERIENCE, USG WOULD
LIKELY BE INCLINED TO STAY OUT OF THE MATTER AND THAT,
IN ANY CASE, JENKINS AND HIS STAFF ARE BY NOW UNDOUBTEDLY
SUFFICIENTLY SENSITIVE TO ISSUES INHERENT IN HIS BERLIN
VISIT. MORRIS

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